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REF: A. STATE 231174 NOTAL
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SUMMARY. AGREEMENT REACHED ON C-5 SCENARIO FOR MIG ACCESS
BUT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE HELD OFF UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING OR
SUNDAY TOKYO TIME. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF HAS AGREED TO DELETION OF PHRASE "BEING RELEASED FROM
THE COMMAND OF THE USF." FONOFF HOWEVER ARGUED THAT SUBSTITUTION
OF WORD "DETAILED" RAISED POTENTIALLY SERIOUS LEGAL PROBLEMS
WHICH WOULD, AT BEST, TAKE TIME TO RESOLVE. LEGAL EXPERTS NOT
SURE WHETHER JASDF AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FOREIGN MILITARY
PERSONNEL ON DETAIL IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ACCORDANCE REF
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A, EMBASSY AGREED TO ACCEPT "PLACED" AND ON THIS BASIS FONOFF

EXPECTS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. FONOFF
URGED THAT US MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF ACCESS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED
DURING C-5 AIRLIFT SCENARIO.

2. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS FOR INTENSE OPPOSITION AND
MEDIA SCRUTINY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, FONOFF IS CONSIDERING
DELAY OF ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL LATE SATURDAY EVENING OR POSSIBLY
SOMETIME SUNDAY TOKYO TIME. FONOFF ASKED THAT DEPLOYMENT OF
PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO HAKODATE BEGIN ONLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. IN MEANTIME, SATURDAY ASAHI HAS HEADLINED GENERALLY ACCURATE
DESCRIPTION OF OVERT ASPECTS OF C-5 SCENARIO BASED ON JDA
BACKGROUNDERS. ARRANGEMENT IS CHARACTERIZED AS PRACTICAL
ARRANGEMENT (JITSUMU TORIKIME) FOR COOPERATION ENTERED INTO
UNDER JDA'S OWN AUTHORITY RATHER THAN UNDER SECURITY
TREATY. ARRANGEMENTS ON OKINAWA FOR USE OF U.S. RESCUE AIR
CRAFT ARE CITED AS PRECEDENT. JDA SOURCES CITE POSSIBILITY
THAT JDA MAY ASK FOR FURTHER U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AFTER
MIG IS MOVED. STORIES ALSO REPORT DEBATE ON C-5 AIRLIFT
DESTINATION, WITH JDA FAVORING HYAKKURI NEAR TOKYO FOR ITS
TECHNICAL CONVENIENCE AND FONOFF FAVORING CHITOSE WHICH HAS
EASIER ACCESS TO A PORT FACILITATING EVENTUAL MIG RETURN TO
SOVIETS. STORIES NOTE THAT USE OF HYUKKURI MIGHT ENTAIL
SECOND C-5 AIRLIFT WHEN MIG RETURNED. JDA SOURCES ARE QUOTED
AS BELIEVING THAT THREE WEEKS WILL BE NEEDED FOR MIG EXAMINATION
AND FONOFF AS EXPRESSING HOPE THAT PERIOD WILL BE KEPT
AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE. PRESS ALSO SPECULATES THAT ANNOUNCEMENT
OF ARRANGEMENTS WILL DRWA CRITICISM FROM SOVIETS AND FROM
OPPOSITION.

4. IN VIEW POSSIBLE SOVIET REACTION, EMBASSY REPEATING
REF B TO MOSCOW FOR BACKGROUND.

5. FOR BONN, USBER, AND COPENHAGEN. APPRECIATE TIMELY INFO
YOU PROVIDED ON PRECEDENTS WHICH HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN OUR
DISCUSSIONS HERE.

6. PLEASE INCLUDE USFJ YOKOTA AND CINCPAC ON MESSAGE TRAFFIC
THIS SUBJECT.

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